ICoRSA

The Voice of Researchers via a networked community of associations

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History

- ICoRSA = International Consortium of Research Staff Associations
- Started 2012
- Unofficially inaugurated ESOF 2012-Dublin (European Science Open Forum)
- Registered as a company limited by guarantee, in Nov 2013.

Who does ICoRSA represent

- Early stage researchers, post-docs to senior researchers. (not PhD candidates)
- Contract and permanent
- Academic and industry

18 Participants



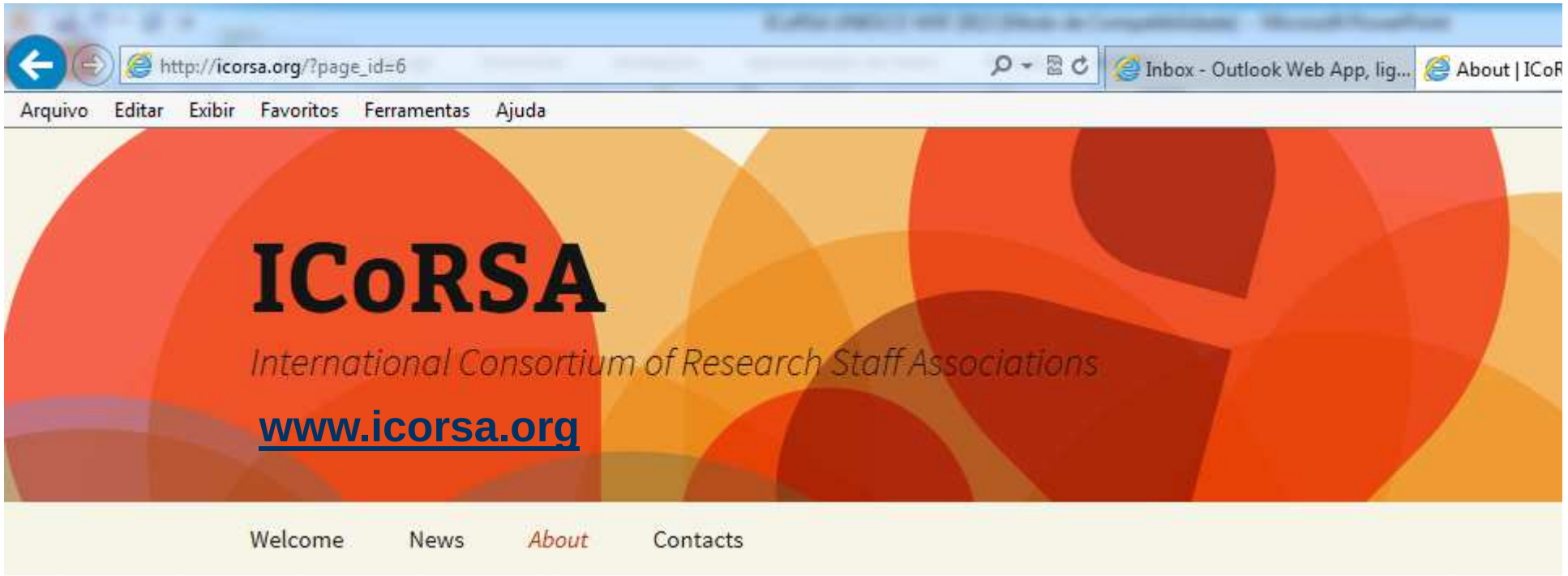
- **10 National research staff associations**
  - **Europe:** Ireland, UK, France, Spain, Portugal, Norway,
  - USA, Canada,
  - South Africa, Australia.
- **3 International research associations**
  - WAYS
  - WFSW
  - GYA (affiliated) (+ Swedish Young Academy)
- **2 Research Centres RSA**
  - EMBL
  - Fraunhoffer (to be confirmed)

A Happy researcher is a Productive researcher

- There is much confusion over who are researchers and what is the career of a researchers
- Majority are on short term contracts
- No sustainable career progression to remain in research
- Unrecognised
- No voice

General vision + aims

- To enhance the professionalization of researcher careers.
- To explore normative models of research policy.
- To expand global community of networked researchers, acting in particular as ambassadors to emerging national research environments.



About

Providing a global voice for research staff and postdoctoral scholars

Researchers are a highly mobile part of the global research enterprise. Policy concerning research careers is determined internationally through a variety of global organisations. present, there is no consistent voice representing research staff and postdoctoral scholar in international policy. The International Consortium of Research Staff Associations (ICo SA) will provide this collective voice, advocate on behalf of research staff and postdoctor scholars, and inform international research policy. The UK Research Staff Association sup ported by Vitae, the US National Postdoctoral Association, and the Irish Research Staff As sociation are currently the driving force behind ICoRSA, with increasing involvement fron